

## New Award Announced – Sustaining Stewards

In honor of 20 years of partnership the UUPCC Board is happy to announce a new, not-yet-named award. We recognize that long-term partnerships do not automatically sustain themselves. It takes attention, time and loving care to maintain long distance connections and nurture friendship. Often this work is not publicly recognized though it is this crucial grassroots work that keeps the partnership thriving and keeps the congregations involved.

Whether your partnership is twenty years old or two years old, whether your partner is in Transylvania where the first partnerships were formed or in Hong Kong, one of our newest partners, there is bound to be one or more people who tend lovingly to the relationship over time. They do the hard work of maintaining communication (so much easier now than in the first years when writing letters was the ONLY way). They organize trips. They organize fundraisers and church events. They write newsletter articles. They are committed internationalists and dedicated to their partners.

Plans are to award several of these each year because we know there are so many who are worthy of this recognition. This year – 2010 – at General Assembly we will recognize 20 recipients in honor of the Twenty Years of Partnership. Nominees will be accepted through February 26, 2010. Please fill out the application form and have it signed by the chair of the church governing board or church minister. We want to make sure that the church knows and can also recognition the special contributions this individual has made.

All nominations of individuals from US and Canadian churches will be considered by a selection committee to be named by the UUPCC Board of Directors. Twenty recipients will be chosen in 2010. If your nominee is not recognized this year, you can nominate them again next year. Please mail the form from this newsletter (also available at [www.uupcc.org](http://www.uupcc.org)) to UUPCC, PO Box 88, Bedford, MA 01730-0088. Must be postmarked by Feb 24 to be considered for 2010.